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Actor John Wilkes Booth began drinking at the Kirkwood House bar in Wash. DC, at 3 PM. At 4 PM he arrived at Deery's Saloon and ordered a bottle of brandy. Two hours later he was drinking whiskey at TALTAVUL'S Saloon (next door to Ford's Theater). Having made final arrangements for his impending crime, Booth returned at 9:30 to Taltavul's where Pres Lincoln's valet Charles Forbes, his coachman Francis Burns, and his body guard

on. Alcoholic policemen were all drinking  
at 10:15, while Parker continued to drink thus  
leaving the Pres unprotected, Booth left, went next  
door to Fnd's Theater, and shot Lincoln.  
meanwhile George ATZERODT, Booth's fellow  
conspirator, who was supposed to assassinate  
Vice Pres. Andrew Johnson had become so  
drunk and frightened that he abandoned  
the plan.